

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

We, Kerry S. Atkinson and John B. Halander declare: that we are citizens of the United States; that our residence and post office addresses are: 377 West 1800 North, Lehi, Utah 84043; and 772 Pontiac Drive, Murray, Utah 84107, respectively; and that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled **REDUCED ENERGY BLASTING AGENT AND METHOD**, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein to our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby appoint as our attorney ROBERT A. BINGHAM, Registration No. 26,530, with offices at DYNO NOBEL INC., Eleventh

Floor Crossroads Tower, Salt Lake City, Utah 84144, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at West Jordan, Utah, this 23  
day of May, 2001.

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